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SUBJECT: DUTCH PRIME MINISTER ON SOVIET DISSIDENTS

REF: (A) THE HAGUE 4056

(B) THE HAGUE 3971 NOTAL

1. SUMMARY: PRIME MINISTER DEN UYL TOLD NATIONAL RADIO AUDIENCE SEPT 22 THAT WHILE PROTECTION OF CIVIL LIBERTIES IN SOVIET UNION WAS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE NETHERLANDS, "POLICY OF DETENTE SHOULD NOT BE SACRIFICED TO IT." END SUMMARY.

2. FOLLOWING UP ON EARLIER STATEMENT OF FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEL (REF A) AND RESPONDING TO CONTINUING DUTCH CONCERN OVER TREATMENT OF SOVIET DISSIDENTS (REF B), PRIME MINISTER DEN UYL IN RADIO SHOW ENTITLED "SPEAKING WITH THE MINISTER," WHICH WAS BROADCAST SEPTEMBER 22, WAS ASKED TO COMMENT ON GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE TOWARD SOVIET DISSIDENTS. PRIME
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MINISTER SAID INTERESTS OF DISSIDENTS SUCH AS AMALRIK

AND SACHAROV WOULD NOT BE SERVED BY "SACRIFICING DETENTE."
PM NOTED, HOWEVER, PROTECTION OF CIVIL LIBERTIES IN
SOVIET UNION WAS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO GON, WHICH
WOULD NOT MISS ANY OPPORTUNITY DURING CONTACTS WITH
EASTERN EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS (PRESUMABLE IN CSCE) TO
AFFIRM THAT GON SUPPORTS HUMAN RIGHTS IN SOVIET
UNION AS WELL AS IN CHILE, GREECE AND PORTUGAL.
PM AGREED WITH QUESTIONER THAT THIS PARTICULAR POSITION
SEEMED TO COINCIDE WITH THAT OF USG, BUT PM STATED
GON WOULD HAVE TAKEN THIS POSITION NO MATTER WHAT POSITION
USG HAD TAKEN.

3. PM'S STATEMENTS CAME SAME DAY THAT PACIFIST-SOCIALIST
PARTY (PSP), EXTREME LEFT WING POLITICAL GROUP, WHICH
HAS ALMOST CONSISTENTLY FOLLOWED MOSCOW LINE ON MAJOR
ISSUES, RELEASED STATEMENT PROTESTING SOVIET TREATMENT
OF DISSIDENTS AND URGING ALL "SOCIALIST SYMPATHIZERS"
TO EXERT WHAT PRESSURE THEY COULD TO HELP THEM.
PSP SAID SOVIET ATTITUDE WAS REINFORCING COLD WAR
MENTALITY IN EAST AS WELL AS WEST BLOCS. LEFT WING
RADICAL PARTY, ONE OF PARTICIPANTS IN COALITION, MADE
SIMILAR APPEAL SOME TIME AGO.
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